STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have the statement regarding the Government Business. Shri O. Rajagopal.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Madam, with your permission, I rise to announce the Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 18th August, 2003, which will consist of:

Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's order paper.

Consideration and passing of the following Bills as passed by the Lok Sabha :-

The Constitution (Ninety-fourth Amendment) Bill, 2002

The Constitution (Ninety-ninth Amendment) Bill, 2003

Consideration and passing / return of the following Bills after they have been passed by the Lok Sabha:-

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2003

The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2003

The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Bill, 2003

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2003

The Industrial Development Bank (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Bill, 2002

The Appropriation (Railway) No. 4 Bill, 2003

Discussion on National Population Policy, 2000

Discussion on Resolution seeking rejection of Arbitration Award in CA Reference No.1/1998 in respect of pay scales for the post of Computer in the Office of Registrar General of India.

I may also inform the House that the Constitution (Ninety-fourth Amendment) Bill, 2002 and the Constitution (Ninety-ninth Amendment) Bill, 2003, as passed by the Lok Sabha, will be taken up on Tuesday, the 19 August, 2003.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Need to remove discrimination in age limit for Air Hostesses of Air India for on-board duty

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up Special Mentions. Shri Dinesh Trivedi.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (West Bengal): Madam, Deputy Chairperson, I will be extremely brief and very pointed. I am raising the question of discriminating the women air-hostesses on the basis of gender. Madam, recently a directive was published by the Government of India about which I came to know through a newspaper. It was later confirmed by the Air-Hostesses' Association also. Recently, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has given a directive to Air India that their air-hostesses ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Do you remember your Special Mention by heart?

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: Madam, I had my papers, but I did not know that it would be taken up today. However, I do remember it because I have done some study on it and I have done some work.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: So, Madam, Air India was given a directive that air-hostesses who reach the age of 58 should be grounded, and, may be given the ground duties. Please understand this that it is only for the air-hostesses and not for the cabin attendants; their male counter-parts. So, Madam, the difference here is that the female air-hostesses, who are females obviously, should get some ground job after the age of 50 years, and their male counter-parts could continue after the age of 58. Madam, in this very House, you have been a champion in promoting the cause of women. There is the Women's Empowerment Committee as well. We have article 40, which protects the rights of individuals and there is no discrimination based on sex, creed, caste, colour, religion, race and place of birth. But here, Madam, instead of giving more encouragement to women,